

Washington, Dc – Today Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-WI) released the following statement regarding millions in federal funds she has been able to secure for the people of Wisconsin's 4th congressional district in the FY 2009 Appropriations bill.

"I am proud of the funding that I bring back to the 4th Congressional District. Every dollar we bring home is an investment in our community through things like job training, better healthcare, cutting-edge research, and improved education, just to name a few. If we were to turn down earmarks, a portion of our tax dollars would essentially be funneled into other areas of the country.

"In the past year our area has lost over 23,000 jobs. We need to utilize every government resource available to bring good, higher-wage jobs to our community. For instance, I was recently able to secure \$285,000 in the House for the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to foster new development in fresh water industries and create local jobs. I was also able to secure a number of other earmarks for our district, including \$143,000 to expand services offered to the public at the 16th Street Community Health Center, \$332,000 to redevelop the blighted 30th Street Industrial Corridor, and \$95,000 for Milwaukee Public Schools to continue operating after-school programs in the summer for over 6000 children and youth.

"We need to make sure the people of the 4th Congressional District are involved in the new energy economy. There are numerous jobs to be had in this new industry. And who needs jobs more than the people of Milwaukee, West Allis or Cudahy? The dollars I am able to secure for the district are direct investments in the community. Article 1 of the US Constitution gives Congress the power of the purse. And I believe that Members of Congress have a responsibility to make sure there is accountability and transparency with the federal dollars invested in their community."

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